

## OUTCOME: DURHAM CITIZENS ARE SAFE

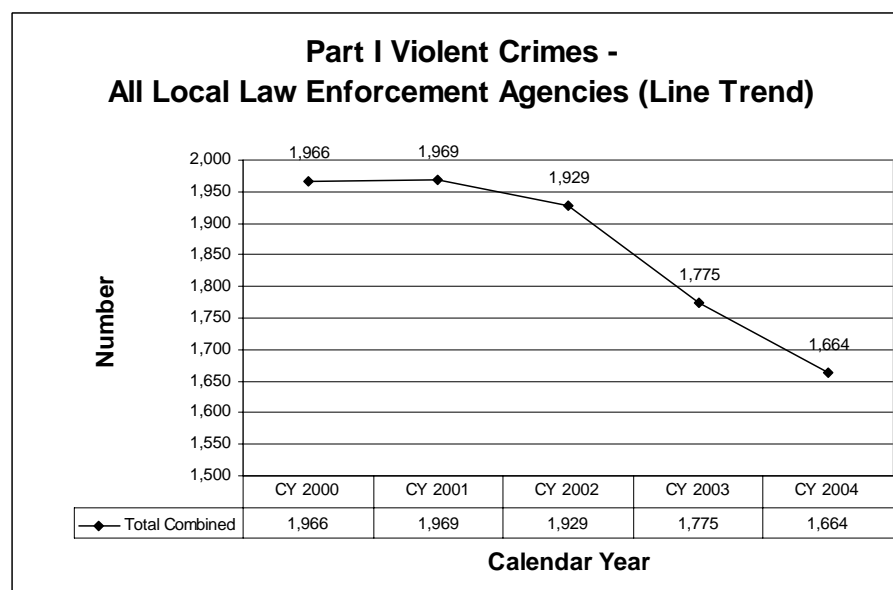
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### INDICATOR 1: Violent Crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault)



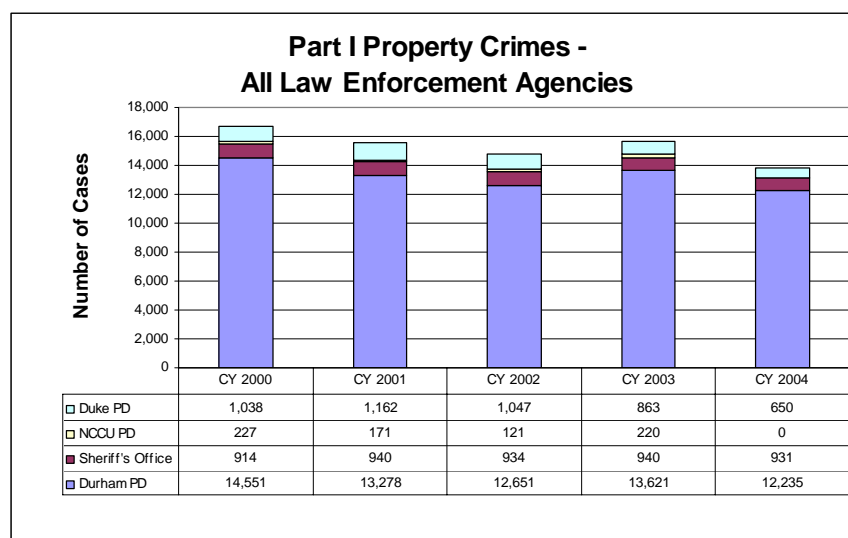
**Part I Violent Crime - All Law Enforcement Agencies In Durham**

Calendar Year	Durham PD	Sheriff's Office	NCCU PD	Duke PD	Total Combined	Number Cleared	Pct. Cleared
CY 2000	1,845	101	12	8	1,966	590	30.01%
CY 2001	1,854	83	13	19	1,969	644	32.71%
CY 2002	1,810	90	5	24	1,929	705	36.55%
CY 2003	1,661	97	4	13	1,775	742	41.80%
CY 2004	1,561	79	NA	24	1,664	795	47.79%

**Story Behind the Curve**

- A. Incidents of violent crime are decreasing in Durham County. However:
  - a. Nearly half of all homicides reported during 2004 within the City limits were gang-related or gang-affiliated, which means that either the victim or suspect was involved in a gang.
  - b. The number of reported rapes increased 16% from 77 reported in 2003 to 89 reported in 2004. As rape is statistically one of the most underreported crimes, it is difficult to determine whether there was an actual increase in the incidents of rape or an increase in the number of people who reported rapes.
  - c. At least 75 percent of the reported rapes in 2004 involved a known assailant or domestic violence.
- B. Clearance rates for part I violent crimes have consistently increased over the past five years.

**INDICATOR 2: Part I Property Crimes (Burglary, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft)**



**Part I Property Crime - All Law Enforcement Agencies In Durham**

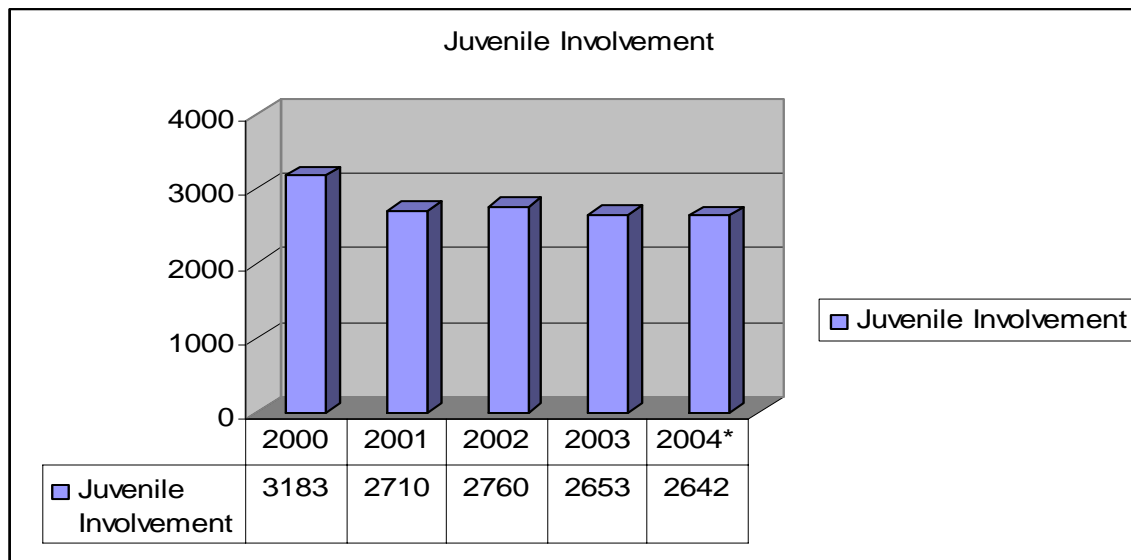
Calendar Year	Durham PD	Sheriff's Office	NCCU PD	Duke PD	Total Combined	Number Cleared	Pct. Cleared
CY 2000	14,551	914	227	1,038	16,730	1,518	9.07%
CY 2001	13,278	940	171	1,162	15,551	1,889	12.15%
CY 2002	12,651	934	121	1,047	14,753	1,682	11.40%
CY 2003	13,621	940	220	863	15,644	2,244	14.34%
CY 2004	12,235	931	0	650	13,816	2,245	16.25%

**Story Behind the Curve**

- A. Incidents of Part I property crimes are on the decline in Durham County. In 2004, the number of reported property crimes, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts were at five-year lows
- B. Clearance rates for Part I property crimes have consistently increased among all Durham County law enforcement agencies over the past five years.

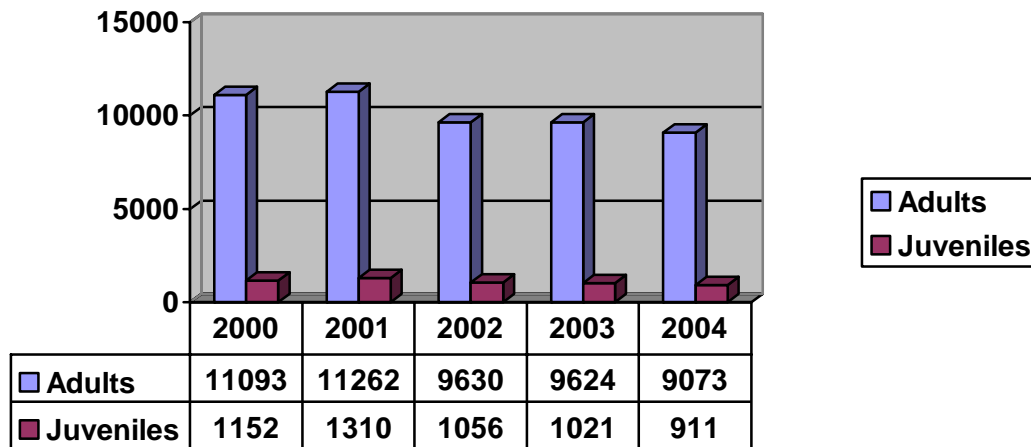
**INDICATOR 3: Youth Crimes (age 17 and under)**

**Juvenile Suspects and Victims on City Offense Reports**



*This chart depicts total number of juveniles listed as either suspects or victims on city offense reports (\*2004 figure is through 12/21/04)*

### Comparison of Adult and Juvenile Arrests (City Only)



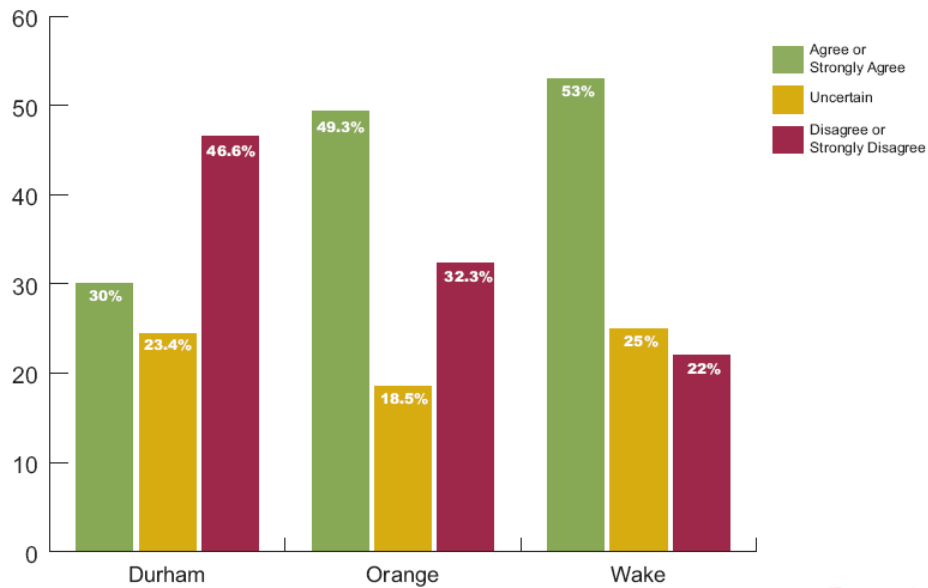
*This chart depicts compares adult arrests juvenile arrests (city only), 2004 reflects data through 12/21/04*

#### Story Behind the Curve

- A. The number of juveniles listed as either suspects or victims on City offense reports has consistently declined since 2000.
- B. Juvenile arrests account for over 10% of all arrests.
- C. Durham County's child poverty, teenage pregnancy, illiteracy, truancy and dropout rates are higher than state averages:
  - a. Durham Public Schools has the eighth highest truancy rate out of 117 public school systems in North Carolina. (Approximately 1,700 out of 30,000 students are absent every day from Durham Public Schools; approximately 700 of those are truants).
  - b. There were 578 dropouts in grades 7-12 in the Durham Public Schools during the 2003-2004 school year, which is a 4% dropout rate. This dropout rate is higher than the state average of 3.3%.
  - c. Durham's 27% level literacy rate, which is the lowest level of literacy, is higher than the state average of 22 % Level 1 literacy rate.
- D. Additional research is needed to correlate community, school and individual risk factors (poverty, teenage pregnancy, illiteracy, truancy and dropout rates) with incidents of juvenile involvement in crime in Durham County.

## INDICATOR 4: Perception of Safety

### I feel safe in my own community.

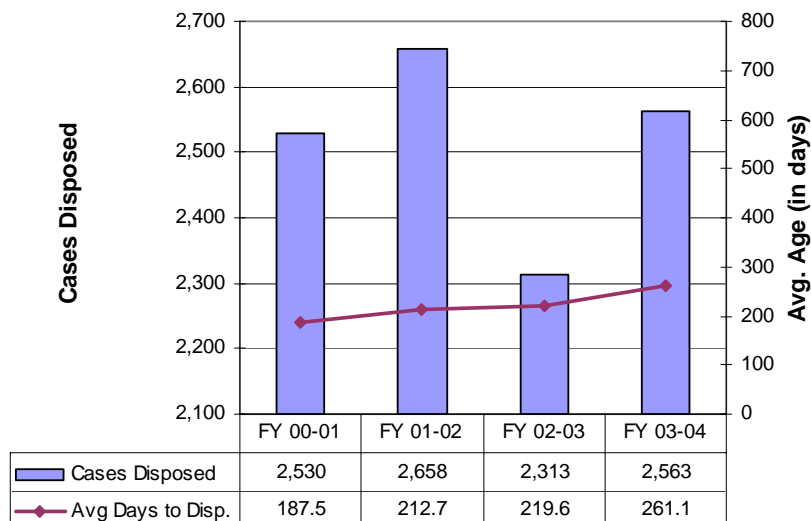


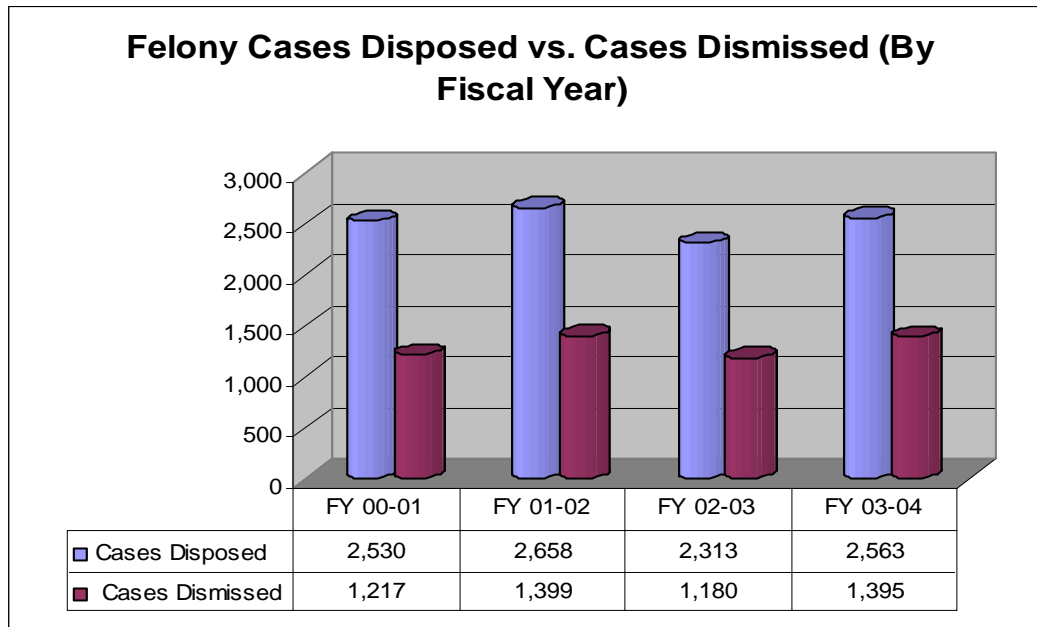
Source: Digilon Public Opinion Poll; plus or minus 3% Durham all

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## Other Information

### 14th Judicial District Felony Cases Disposed and Average Age of Case at Time of Disposition





### Story Behind the Curve

- A. Persons who are out on pretrial release are committing many felony crimes. The average time it takes to dispose of a felony case in Durham County has increased 39 percent since FY 2000-01.
- B. In FY 2003-04, 1,395 of the felony cases in Durham County were dismissed. The lack of funds to properly staff the judicial system in Durham County creates an inefficient, backlogged system.
- C. There are many abandoned buildings, which are often used as drug houses, hideouts for the homeless and as venues for other illegal activities. Areas with numerous abandoned buildings, litter, graffiti, etc., detract from the perception that Durham is a safe community in which to work and live.